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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--SEPTEMBER 1991

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.4 percent before seasonal adjustment in September to a level of 137.2 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in September, the CPI-U increased 3.4 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also rose 0.4 percent in September prior to seasonal adjustment. The September 1991 CPI-W level of 135.2 was 3.1 percent higher than the index in September 1990.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.4 percent in September. This compares with increases of 0.2 percent in each of the 3 preceding months and was the largest monthly advance since a similar rise in January. The acceleration between August and September principally reflects advances in the indexes for food, energy, and shelter. The food index rose 0.1 percent in September, largely as a result of the turnaround in the index for fruits and vegetables. The 1.0 percent rise in the energy component, only the second advance this year, reflects an upturn in the indexes for gas and electricity coupled with a larger monthly increase in petroleum-based energy goods. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.4 percent in September, the same as in each of the 3 preceding months. Within this group, a larger increase in shelter costs was essentially offset by the downturn in the index for apparel and upkeep after seasonal adjustment.

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3 mos. ended Sep. '91	Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Sep. '91
	Changes from preceding month								
	1991								
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.		
All items	-.1	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.4	3.3	3.4
Food and beverages	.2	.7	.0	.5	-.5	-.2	.1	-2.3	2.8
Housing	.1	.2	.2	.1	.3	.0	.5	3.3	3.2
Apparel and upkeep	-1.2	-.2	.5	-.1	.9	1.2	-.4	7.1	3.5
Transportation	-1.0	-.3	.7	.2	.0	.4	.2	2.6	.7
Medical care	.6	.5	.6	.6	.6	.8	.7	8.4	8.4
Entertainment	.4	.7	.1	.2	.4	.4	.7	6.2	4.5
Other goods and services	.7	.8	.2	.8	.3	.9	.7	8.2	8.1

COMPLETED

Consumer prices rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 3.3 percent in the third quarter of 1991, following increases of 2.4 and 3.0 percent in the first and second quarters, respectively. This brought the year-to-date annual rate to 2.9 percent; during the first 9 months of 1990, the CPI-U increased at a 6.6 percent annual rate. While all three groups--food, energy, and all items less food and energy--moved at a slower pace in the first 9 months of 1991 than in 1990, the sharp drop in energy, particularly petroleum-based energy, has contributed the most to this moderation. Following an advance of 35.4 percent in 1990, petroleum-based energy prices have declined at a 21.8 percent rate in the first 9 months of 1991. The other part of the energy component--natural gas and electricity--rose at a 2.2 percent rate thus far in 1991 after increasing 1.5 percent in 1990.

The index for food has slowed significantly in 1991, advancing at a 1.4 percent rate during the first 9 months. If maintained, this would be the smallest increase in this component since 1976. All major food groups show generally moderate movement this year. Prices for meats and dairy products are lower than at 1990 year-end; and the third-quarter drop in fruit and vegetable prices has nearly offset their sharp increases during the first 6 months of the year. The index for all items less food and energy has advanced at a 4.8 percent rate thus far in 1991, compared with a 5.2 percent increase last year. While the cost of shelter and medical care slowed noticeably, most other components in this group showed little deceleration.

	Percent changes 12 months ended in December								SAAR 9 months ended in September
	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
All Items	3.8	3.9	3.8	1.1	4.4	4.4	4.6	6.1	2.9
Food and beverages	2.7	3.8	2.8	3.7	3.5	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5
Housing	3.5	4.3	4.3	1.7	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.5
Apparel and upkeep	2.9	2.0	2.8	.9	4.8	4.7	1.0	5.1	4.5
Transportation	3.9	3.1	2.6	-5.9	6.1	3.0	4.0	10.4	-2.7
Medical care	6.4	6.1	6.8	7.7	5.8	6.9	8.5	9.6	7.9
Entertainment	4.0	4.2	3.1	3.4	4.0	4.6	5.1	4.3	5.6
Other goods and services	7.9	6.0	6.3	5.5	6.1	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.2
Special indexes:									
Energy	-.5	.2	1.8	-19.7	8.2	.5	5.1	18.1	-11.4
All items less energy	4.5	4.4	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.7	4.6	5.2	4.2
Food	2.7	3.8	2.6	3.8	3.5	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.4
All Items less food and energy	4.8	4.7	4.3	3.8	4.2	4.7	4.4	5.2	4.8

COMBEE

The food and beverage index rose 0.1 percent in September. Grocery store food prices also rose 0.1 percent in September after registering declines in each of the 2 preceding months. The fresh fruit and vegetable price index which had been primarily responsible for the grocery store food declines in July and August, rose 1.4 percent in September. Within this group, prices for fresh fruits rose 3.1 percent, while those for fresh vegetables fell 0.8 percent. A 0.5 percent drop in the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs helped to partially offset increases in other grocery store food components. Declines in prices for beef, poultry, and eggs more than offset increases in those for pork and fish and seafood. The index for dairy products registered its third consecutive monthly increase in September, advancing 0.6 percent. The other two major grocery store food groups--cereal and bakery products and other food at home--were unchanged and rose 0.1 percent, respectively. The indexes for restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages increased 0.1 and 0.4 percent, respectively.

The housing component, which was unchanged in August, rose 0.5 percent in September. All three major housing groups contributed to the housing increase. Shelter costs advanced 0.5 percent in September, following a 0.1 percent increase in August. Within shelter, renters' costs and homeowners' costs each rose 0.5 percent, more than offsetting a 0.3 percent decline in maintenance and repair costs. The index for household fuels and utilities turned up in September, increasing 0.6 percent. Fuel oil prices rose 1.7 percent, and charges for natural gas and electricity increased 1.4 and 0.7 percent, respectively. The index for household furnishings and operations rose 0.2 percent in September, following a decline of 0.1 percent in August.

Transportation costs rose 0.2 percent in September, with about two-thirds of the advance attributable to a 0.9 percent increase in prices for motor fuels. Despite increases in each of the past 2 months, gasoline prices remain well below their peak level. As of September, they were 17.1 percent lower than in November 1990. New car purchase costs showed a small increase in September; new car prices rose 0.3 percent, while automobile finance charges fell 0.5 percent. The index for used cars declined 0.2 percent. Public transportation costs declined 0.7 percent in September as a 1.4 percent decrease in airline fares more than offset increases in other intercity and intracity public transportation.

The index for apparel and upkeep fell 0.4 percent in September, following substantial increases in each of the 2 preceding months. The September clothing price increases were smaller than usual--up 3.1 percent before seasonal adjustment--as a result of the introduction of this year's fall-winter wear in July and August.

The medical care component rose 0.7 percent in September--to a level 8.4 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities rose 0.6 percent, largely due to an increase of 0.9 percent in the index for prescription drugs. The index for medical services advanced 0.7 percent, with the cost of professional services and hospital and related services up 0.7 and 0.3 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs rose 0.7 percent in September, following a 0.4 percent rise in August. Increases in the indexes for sporting goods and equipment and fees for participant sports, up 1.9 and 2.4 percent, respectively--accounted for over one-half of the entertainment advance.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.7 percent in September. Virtually all of the increase in this major group was accounted for by advances in the indexes for tuition and other school fees and tobacco and smoking products--up 1.2 and 1.3 percent, respectively.

CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.4 percent in September.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3 mos. ended Sep. '91	Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Sep. '91
	Changes from preceding month								
	1991								
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.		
All items	-.1	.3	.3	.2	.1	.1	.4	2.7	3.1
Food and beverages	.3	.7	.0	.4	-.5	-.2	.1	-2.3	2.9
Housing	.1	.1	.3	.1	.2	.0	.5	2.8	3.2
Apparel and upkeep	-.8	-.2	.2	.2	.9	1.0	-.5	5.5	3.2
Transportation	-1.0	.0	.7	.2	-.1	.4	.2	2.3	.3
Medical care	.6	.5	.6	.6	.5	.8	.6	8.0	8.3
Entertainment	.4	.7	.0	.2	.3	.4	.8	6.0	4.4
Other goods and services	.7	.9	.2	.9	.1	.6	1.0	6.9	8.1

Consumer Price Index data for October 1991 will be released on Thursday, November 14, 1991, 8:30 A.M. (EST).

#### A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1986 through 1990 were replaced at the end of 1990. The seasonal movement of all items and 47 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 60 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 60 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called intervention analysis for some CPI series. Intervention analysis allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors. For the fuel oil and the motor fuels indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For some women's apparel indexes and the girls' apparel index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology; and for new cars, new trucks, and new vehicles, this procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in marketing strategies and the introduction of new models. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure was used to offset the effects of increases in excise taxes and wholesale tobacco prices. A description of intervention analysis, as well as a list of events treated as interventions and seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Claire McAnaw on (202) 504-2051.



### Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 85 urban areas across the country from about 57,000 housing units and approximately 19,000 retail establishments--department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of food, fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 85 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain public utility rates, some fuel prices, and certain other items.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 29 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities, they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

The index measures price change from a designated reference date--1982-84 which equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

For further details see BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 19, the Consumer Price Index, Bulletin 2285, April 1988.

### Calculating Index Changes

Movements of the indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The example in the accompanying box illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

#### Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

#### Percent Change

Index point difference	4.5
Divided by the previous index	111.2
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	$0.040 \times 100$
Equals percent change	4.0

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1982	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-	
			Aug. 1991	Sept. 1991	Sept. 1990	Aug. 1991	June to July	July to Aug.
All items	1982-1991	100.000	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
All items (1967=100)	1967-1991	100.000	409.1	413.7	1.1	0.4	0.2	0.4
Food and beverages	1982-1991	17.706	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Food	1982-1991	16.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Food at home	1982-1991	10.944	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Cereals and bakery products	1982-1991	1.420	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1982-1991	1.699	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Dairy products	1982-1991	1.330	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Fruits and vegetables	1982-1991	1.418	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Other food at home	1982-1991	1.243	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Sugar and sweets	1982-1991	1.277	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Fats and oils	1982-1991	1.339	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Nonalcoholic beverages	1982-1991	1.194	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Other prepared food	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Food away from home	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Alcoholic beverages	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Housing	1982-1991	33.56	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Shelter	1982-1991	33.56	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Renters costs	1982-1991	2.809	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Rent, residential	1982-1991	2.809	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Other renters costs	1982-1991	0.655	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Homeowners costs	1982-1991	2.809	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Owners equivalent rent	1982-1991	2.809	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Household insurance	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Maintenance and repairs	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Maintenance and repair services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Utilities	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Fuel and other utilities	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Fuels	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy)	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Other utilities and public services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Household furnishings and operation	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Household furnishings	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Housekeeping supplies	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Housekeeping services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Apparel and upkeep	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Apparel commodities	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Men's and boys' apparel	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Women's and girls' apparel	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Infants and toddlers' apparel	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Footwear	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Other apparel commodities	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Apparel services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Transportation	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Private transportation	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
New vehicles	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
New cars	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Used cars	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Motor fuel	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Gasoline	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Maintenance and repairs	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Other private transportation	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Other private transportation commodities	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Other private transportation services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Public transportation	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Medical care	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Medical care commodities	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Medical care services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Professional medical services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Entertainment	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Entertainment commodities	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Entertainment services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Other goods and services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Tobacco and smoking products	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Personal care	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Personal care services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Personal and educational expenses	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
School books and supplies	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Personal and educational services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Commodity and service group	1982-1991	100.000	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
All items	1982-1991	100.000	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Commodities	1982-1991	100.000	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Food and beverages	1982-1991	17.706	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Commodities less food and beverages	1982-1991	82.294	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Apparel commodities	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Durables	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Rent of shelter	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Household services less rent of shelter	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Transportation services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Medical care services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Other services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Special indexes	1982-1991	100.000	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
All items less food	1982-1991	82.294	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
All items less shelter	1982-1991	82.294	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
All items less homeowners' costs	1982-1991	82.294	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
All items less medical care	1982-1991	82.294	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Commodities less food	1982-1991	82.294	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Nondurables less food	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Services less rent of shelter	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Services less medical care services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Energy	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
All items less energy	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
All items less food and energy	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Energy commodities	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Services less energy services	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
1982-84=100	1982-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
1967-81=100	1967-1991	1.188	136.4	137.1	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.  
2/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.  
Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.



Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	June 1991	July 1991	Aug 1991	Sept 1991	Dec 1991	1 months ended - Mar 1992	3 months ended - Jun 1992	6 months ended - Sep 1992	9 months ended - Dec 1992	12 months ended - Mar 1993
Expenditure category										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	4.9	2.4	3.0	3.3	3.7	3.1
Food and beverages .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Food .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Food at home .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Cereals and bakery products 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Dairy products 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Fruits and vegetables .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Other food at home .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Sugar and sweets 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Fats and oils 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Other prepared food .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Food away from home 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Alcoholic beverages 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Housing .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Shelter .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Rent .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Rent, residential .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Other renters' costs .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Owners' equivalent rent .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Household insurance 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Maintenance and repairs 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Maintenance and repair services 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Fuel and other utilities .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Fuel .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Fuel oil and other household fuel .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Other utilities and public services 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Household furnishings and operation 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Household furnishings .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Housekeeping supplies .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Housekeeping services 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Apparel and upkeep .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Apparel commodities .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Women's and girls' apparel .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Footwear .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Other apparel commodities 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Apparel services .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Transportation .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Private transportation .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
New vehicles .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Used cars .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Motor fuel .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Gasoline .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Maintenance and repairs 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Other private transportation .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Other private transportation commodities 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Other private transportation services .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Public transportation 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Medical care .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Medical care commodities .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Medical care services .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Professional medical services .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Entertainment 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Entertainment commodities 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Entertainment services 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Other goods and services .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Tobacco and smoking products .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Personal care 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Personal care services 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Personal and educational expenses .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
School books and supplies .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Personal and educational services .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Commodity and service group										
All items .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Commodities .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Food and beverages .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Commodities less food and beverages .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Apparel commodities .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Durables .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Services .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ 2/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Transportation services .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Medical care services .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Other services .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Special indexes										
All items less food .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
All items less shelter .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
All items less homeowners' costs 2/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
All items less medical care .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Commodities less food .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Nondurables less food 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Nondurables .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Services less rent of shelter 2/ .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Services less medical care services .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Energy .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
All items less energy .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
All items less food and energy .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Commodities less food and energy .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Energy commodities .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7
Services less energy services .....	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.

2/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Selected areas, all items index  
(1982-84-100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Sept. 1991 from-			Percent change to Aug. 1991 from-		
			June 1991	July 1991	Aug. 1991	Sept. 1991	Sept. 1990	July 1991	Aug. 1991	Aug. 1990	June 1991	July 1991
U.S. city average .....		M	136.0	136.2	136.6	137.2	3.4	0.7	0.4	3.8	0.4	0.3
Region and area size 2/												
Northeast urban .....		M	136.2	136.4	136.8	137.4	3.5	0.8	0.5	3.9	0.5	0.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....		M	136.2	136.4	136.8	137.4	3.5	0.8	0.5	3.9	0.5	0.4
Size B - 300,000 to 1,200,000 .....		M	136.2	136.4	136.8	137.4	3.5	0.8	0.5	3.9	0.5	0.4
Size C - 50,000 to 300,000 .....		M	136.2	136.4	136.8	137.4	3.5	0.8	0.5	3.9	0.5	0.4
North Central urban .....		M	127.9	127.3	128.2	128.5	2.8	.9	.2	3.3	.2	.7
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....		M	127.9	127.3	128.2	128.5	2.8	.9	.2	3.3	.2	.7
Size B - 300,000 to 1,200,000 .....		M	127.9	127.3	128.2	128.5	2.8	.9	.2	3.3	.2	.7
Size C - 50,000 to 300,000 .....		M	127.9	127.3	128.2	128.5	2.8	.9	.2	3.3	.2	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....		M	127.9	127.3	128.2	128.5	2.8	.9	.2	3.3	.2	.7
South urban .....		M	131.3	131.9	132.5	132.6	3.0	.5	.1	3.1	.9	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....		M	131.3	131.9	132.5	132.6	3.0	.5	.1	3.1	.9	.5
Size B - 300,000 to 1,200,000 .....		M	131.3	131.9	132.5	132.6	3.0	.5	.1	3.1	.9	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 300,000 .....		M	131.3	131.9	132.5	132.6	3.0	.5	.1	3.1	.9	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....		M	131.3	131.9	132.5	132.6	3.0	.5	.1	3.1	.9	.5
West urban .....		M	131.3	131.9	132.5	132.6	3.0	.5	.1	3.1	.9	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....		M	131.3	131.9	132.5	132.6	3.0	.5	.1	3.1	.9	.5
Size B - 300,000 to 1,200,000 .....		M	131.3	131.9	132.5	132.6	3.0	.5	.1	3.1	.9	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 300,000 .....		M	131.3	131.9	132.5	132.6	3.0	.5	.1	3.1	.9	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....		M	131.3	131.9	132.5	132.6	3.0	.5	.1	3.1	.9	.5
Size classes												
A 3/ .....		M	131.3	131.9	132.5	132.6	3.0	.5	.1	3.1	.9	.5
B .....		M	131.3	131.9	132.5	132.6	3.0	.5	.1	3.1	.9	.5
C .....		M	131.3	131.9	132.5	132.6	3.0	.5	.1	3.1	.9	.5
D .....		M	131.3	131.9	132.5	132.6	3.0	.5	.1	3.1	.9	.5
Selected local areas												
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....		M	137.3	137.4	137.7	138.0	3.6	.7	.1	3.7	.7	.1
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....		M	134.1	134.2	134.5	134.8	3.2	.8	.1	3.3	.8	.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....		M	134.1	134.2	134.5	134.8	3.2	.8	.1	3.3	.8	.1
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....		M	134.1	134.2	134.5	134.8	3.2	.8	.1	3.3	.8	.1
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....		M	134.1	134.2	134.5	134.8	3.2	.8	.1	3.3	.8	.1
Baltimore, MD .....		M	134.1	134.2	134.5	134.8	3.2	.8	.1	3.3	.8	.1
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....		M	134.1	134.2	134.5	134.8	3.2	.8	.1	3.3	.8	.1
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....		M	134.1	134.2	134.5	134.8	3.2	.8	.1	3.3	.8	.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....		M	134.1	134.2	134.5	134.8	3.2	.8	.1	3.3	.8	.1
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....		M	134.1	134.2	134.5	134.8	3.2	.8	.1	3.3	.8	.1
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....		M	134.1	134.2	134.5	134.8	3.2	.8	.1	3.3	.8	.1
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....		M	134.1	134.2	134.5	134.8	3.2	.8	.1	3.3	.8	.1
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....		M	134.1	134.2	134.5	134.8	3.2	.8	.1	3.3	.8	.1
Houston-Galveston-Bradford, TX .....		M	134.1	134.2	134.5	134.8	3.2	.8	.1	3.3	.8	.1
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....		M	134.1	134.2	134.5	134.8	3.2	.8	.1	3.3	.8	.1

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated.

M - Every month.  
1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.  
2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.  
Indexes on a December 1982-100 base.

3/ Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1990	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to		Seasonally adjusted percent change from		
			Aug. 1991	Sept. 1991	Sept. 1990	Aug. 1991	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
All items		100.000	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
All items (1967=100)			401.0	400.5					
Food and beverages		19.606	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Food		17.471	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Cereals and bakery products		3.114	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs		3.716	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Dairy products		1.794	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Fruits and vegetables		1.794	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Other food at home		1.794	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Sugar and sweets		1.794	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Fats and oils		1.794	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Nonalcoholic beverages		1.794	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Other prepared food		1.794	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Food away from home		1.794	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Alcoholic beverages		1.623	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Housing		38.814	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Shelter		35.721	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Renters' costs		8.029	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Rent, residential		8.029	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Other renters' costs		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Homeowners' costs		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Owners' equivalent rent		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Household insurance		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Maintenance and repairs		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Maintenance and repair services		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Commodities		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Fuel and other utilities		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Fuels		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (emergency services)		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Other utilities and public services		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Household furnishings and operations		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Household furnishings		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Housekeeping supplies		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Housekeeping services		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Apparel and upkeep		6.071	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Apparel commodities		6.071	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Men's and boys' apparel		2.443	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Women's and girls' apparel		2.443	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel		1.185	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Footwear		1.185	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Other apparel commodities		1.185	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Apparel services		1.185	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Transportation		19.802	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Private transportation		19.802	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
New vehicles		3.114	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Used cars		3.114	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Motor fuel		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Gasoline		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Maintenance and repairs		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Other private transportation commodities		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Other private transportation services		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Public transportation		1.633	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Medical care		5.407	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Medical care commodities		5.407	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Medical care services		5.407	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Professional medical services		5.407	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Entertainment		3.984	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Entertainment commodities		3.984	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Entertainment services		3.984	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Other goods and services		6.317	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Tobacco and smoking products		1.185	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Personal care		1.185	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Toilet goods and personal care appliances		1.185	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Personal care services		1.185	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Personal and educational expenses		3.114	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
School books and supplies		3.114	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Personal and educational services		3.114	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Commodity and service group		100.000	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
All items		100.000	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Commodities		19.606	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Food and beverages		17.471	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Commodities less food and beverages		2.135	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Nondurables less food and beverages		1.794	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Apparel commodities		1.794	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel		1.794	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Durables		12.509	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Services		11.889	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Rent of shelter		11.889	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Household services less rent of shelter		11.889	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Transportation services		11.889	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Medical care services		11.889	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Other services		11.889	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Special indexes									
All items less food		82.018	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
All items less shelter		82.018	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
All items less homeowners' costs		82.018	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
All items less medical care		82.018	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Commodities less food		2.135	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Nondurables less food		1.794	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Nondurables less food and apparel		1.794	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Nondurables		1.794	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Services less rent of shelter		11.889	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Services less medical care services		11.889	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Energy		11.889	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
All items less energy		11.889	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
All items less food and energy		11.889	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities		11.889	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Energy commodities		11.889	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Services less energy services		11.889	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:									
1982=100		100.000	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
1967=100		100.000	132.6	132.2	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.  
2/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.  
3/ Data not available.  
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

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Table 5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	June 1981	July 1981	Aug 1981	Sept 1981	Dec 1981	3 months ended- June 1981	3 months ended- Sept 1981	3 months ended- Dec 1981	6 months ended- June 1981	6 months ended- Sept 1981
Expenditure category										
All items .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Food and beverages .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Food .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Food at home .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Dairy products .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Fruits and vegetables .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Other food at home .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Sugar and sweets .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Fats and oils .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Other prepared food .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Food away from home .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Housing .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Rent .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Rent, residential .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Other renters' costs .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Homeowners' costs .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Owners' equivalent rent .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Household insurance .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Maintenance and repair .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Maintenance and repair services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Maintenance and repair commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Fuel and other utilities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Fuel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Other utilities and public services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Household furnishings and operation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Household furnishings .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Housekeeping supplies .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Housekeeping services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Apparel commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Footwear .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Other apparel commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Apparel services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Transportation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Private transportation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
New vehicles .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
New cars .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Used cars .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Motor fuel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Gasoline .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Maintenance and repairs .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Other private transportation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Other private transportation commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Other private transportation services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Public transportation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Medical care .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Medical care commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Medical care services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Professional medical services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Entertainment .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Entertainment commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Entertainment services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Other goods and services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Personal care .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Toiletries and personal care appliances .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Personal care services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Personal and educational expenses .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
School books and supplies .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Personal and educational services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Commodity and service group										
All items .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Food and beverages .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Non耐用 less food and beverages .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Apparel commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Non耐用 less food, beverages, and apparel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Durables .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Rent of shelter .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Household services less rent of shelter .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Transportation services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Medical care services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Other services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Special indexes										
All items less food .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
All items less shelter .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
All items less homeowners' costs .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
All items less medical care .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Commodities less food .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Non耐用 less food .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Non耐用 less food and apparel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Services less rent of shelter .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Services less medical care services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Energy .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
All items less energy .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
All items less food and energy .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Commodities less food and energy .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Energy commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0
Services less energy services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.0

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.  
 indexes on a December 1984=100 base.  
 Data not available.  
 NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.



Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: Selected areas, all items index (1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Sept. 1981 from-			Percent change to Aug. 1981 from-		
			June 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1981	Sept. 1981	Sept. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1981	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1981
U.S. city average		M	134.1	134.3	134.6	135.3	1.1	0.7	0.4	1.6	0.4	0.2
Region and area size 2/												
Northeast urban		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
Size A - More than 1,000,000		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
North Central urban		M	137.6	137.8	138.1	138.8	1.2	0.9	0.6	2.0	0.6	0.4
Size A - More than 1,000,000		M	137.6	137.8	138.1	138.8	1.2	0.9	0.6	2.0	0.6	0.4
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		M	137.6	137.8	138.1	138.8	1.2	0.9	0.6	2.0	0.6	0.4
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	137.6	137.8	138.1	138.8	1.2	0.9	0.6	2.0	0.6	0.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)		M	137.6	137.8	138.1	138.8	1.2	0.9	0.6	2.0	0.6	0.4
South urban		M	133.8	134.0	134.3	135.0	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.9	0.6	0.4
Size A - More than 1,000,000		M	133.8	134.0	134.3	135.0	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.9	0.6	0.4
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		M	133.8	134.0	134.3	135.0	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.9	0.6	0.4
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	133.8	134.0	134.3	135.0	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.9	0.6	0.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)		M	133.8	134.0	134.3	135.0	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.9	0.6	0.4
West urban		M	133.8	134.0	134.3	135.0	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.9	0.6	0.4
Size A - More than 1,000,000		M	133.8	134.0	134.3	135.0	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.9	0.6	0.4
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		M	133.8	134.0	134.3	135.0	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.9	0.6	0.4
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	133.8	134.0	134.3	135.0	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.9	0.6	0.4
Size classes												
A 3/		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
B		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
C		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
D		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
Selected local areas												
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
Baltimore, MD		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
Washington, DC-MD-VA		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
Houston-Galveston-Bradford, TX		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA		M	134.6	134.8	135.1	135.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.3

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

M - Every month.  
J - January, March, May, July, September, and November.  
J - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.  
Indexes on a December 1980=100 base.

3/ Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are by-products of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.



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